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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1442**

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**Introduced by Senator Escutia**

February 22, 2006

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An act to amend Section 52244 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1442, as amended, Escutia. Schools: ~~advanced placement~~ examination fees.

Existing law establishes a 5-year pilot grant program, administered by the State Department of Education, for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees. Existing law authorizes school districts to apply to the department for grant funding under the program based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils in the district who will take the next offered advanced placement examinations. Existing law repeals those provisions on January 1, 2008.

This bill would ~~delete the January 1, 2008, amend the program to authorize the department award grants to cover the costs of International Baccalaureate examination fees, as specified. The bill would also extend the repeal date, thereby extending those provisions indefinitely of the program to January 1, 2013.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 52244 of the Education Code is amended to read:

52244. (a) There is hereby established a grant program for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement *or International Baccalaureate* examination fees, *or both fees*. The department shall administer this program.

(b) Any school district may apply to the department for grant funding pursuant to this section, based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils in the district enrolled in advanced placement courses who will take the next offered advanced placement examinations. A school district that applies to the department for this purpose shall designate school district staff to whom pupils may submit applications for grants and shall institute a plan to notify pupils of the availability of financial assistance pursuant to this section. Grants shall be expended only to pay the fees required of pupils to take an advanced placement *or International Baccalaureate* examination.

(c) Any economically disadvantaged pupil who is enrolled in an advanced placement *or International Baccalaureate* course may apply to the designated school district staff for a grant pursuant to this section. A pupil who receives a grant shall pay five dollars (\$5) of the examination fee.

(d) School districts and county superintendents of schools may join together and form collaboratives or consortia in order to participate in the grant program established by this section.

(e) Grants provided pursuant to this section may not be used to supplant fee waivers available to low-income pupils who take advanced placement *or International Baccalaureate* examinations.

(f) If the total school district applications exceed the total funds available pursuant to this section, the department shall prorate the grants based upon the ratio of the total amount requested to the total amount budgeted by the state for this purpose.

(g) To facilitate program administration and school district reimbursement, the department may enter into a contract with the provider of advanced placement *or International Baccalaureate* examinations. For purposes of the contract authorized pursuant to

1 this subdivision, the department is exempt from the requirements  
2 of Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the  
3 Public Contract Code and from the requirements of Article 6  
4 (commencing with Section 999) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the  
5 Military and Veterans Code.

6 *(h) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,*  
7 *2013, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*  
8 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2013, deletes or extends*  
9 *that date.*